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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/926,146

Applicants: Hisayoshi ITO, et al.

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For: AGITATION TANK FOR STORING YEAST SOLUTION,  
METHOD OF PRODUCING FERMENTED FOODS SUCH  
AS BEER USING THE AGITATION TANK, AND  
AGITATING VANES PROVIDED IN THE AGITATION  
TANK

Group Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: CORBIN, A. L.

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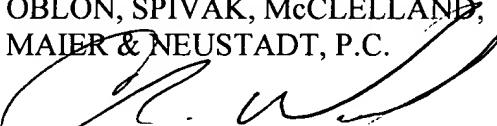
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#### **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 10, 2007, the Applicants elect the invention of Group I corresponding to Claims 1-3, 9, 16, 18, 20-22, and 26-28.

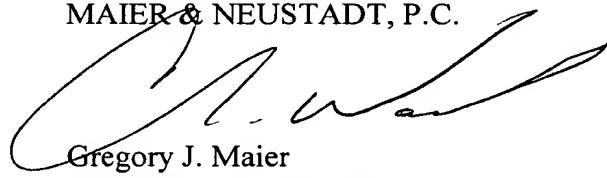
The Applicants note that claims directed to both groups of inventions have been previously searched and considered, and therefore further search and examination of both groups would not place a *serious* burden on the examiner. (See MPEP § 803.)

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Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-7, 9-13, and 16-31 be conducted.

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